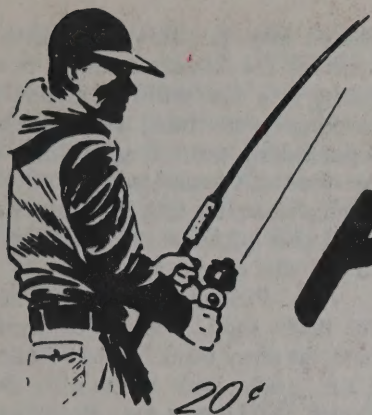




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**SPRING SURFCASTER**

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## FIRST CONTEST WINNER

AT LAST, our first winner! Mr. James A. Blewitt entered a 2 lb. 4 oz. flounder in the L.I.F. Fishing Contest. The big flattie was caught aboard Capt. Bill Hofmann's Lindenhurst based boat, "The Sea Horse." The prize winning fish was weighed in at the S & S Sporting Goods Shop.

Congratulations Mr. Blewitt, your twelve bucks are on the way. You have now become eligible for our March drawing of \$50.00. Also, since you are a winner, your name will be entered for our year end grand prize. Lots of good luck.

If Mr. Blewitt will fill out the Record Book application, he will become our present record holder for the flounder.

## CHUM LINES

### Plugs Contest

Dear Rich,

Great news, think your record book and contest a great idea. Just one thought. Please bar fish caught on an umbrella rig. I think this instrument is unsportsmanlike and pure butchery.

You might be interested to know that our club, four months old, already has 36 members and is growing by leaps and bounds. We are all retired and living in Leisure Village. Our first flounder trip is coming up shortly and we are hot to take a crack at your contest. Please send along rules, regulations and applications so that I can distribute them at our next club meeting on April 4th. Tight lines, Harry Wolf, President and Activities Chairman, Leisure Anglers.

*The applications are on the way. Lots of luck to you and your club. As far as the banning of umbrella rigs is concerned, I would have to disagree with you. You must consider those who find it to be the only way to catch fish. Milt Rosko once wrote: "It's getting to be the rogue that you use this kind of tackle, and frankly, I think It's outrageous.. Certainly anyone using this type of gear can, in no stretch of the imagination, say he's fishing with sporting tackle. To put things in perspective, the fellows using light tackle and lures are the sportsmen, while the wire liners and umbrella trollers at best could be termed amateur commercialmen. Granted, if fishing is slow and you have to resort to this gear to catch a couple of fish, I think it's perfectly alright. But to become obsessed with slaughtering dozens upon dozens of fish on this gear, and then even selling them to get rid of the fish, is far beyond the scope of sportsmanship."*

### Minimum Red Tape

Gentlemen:

I am writing about your fishing contest and your L.I.F. record book. First I would like to say that I think it is a great idea. In your March 9 issue, you were wondering why there was no response for the fishing contest. Here are a few reasons that affected me:

1. The starting time of the contest. I feel that the contest should have been

started May 1. This would have given time for the fishermen to get in a little fishing and also word of mouth. I am working on my boat, hoping for a early April fishing trip. I called some of the members of the club and no one is really interested at this time of year. We are a small club of about 30 members. Most of us trailer our boats.

2. Picking up the entry blank at the tackle shop. Could it be possible to have the entry blank once a month in the L.I.F. My club deals with Doering Tackle, 564 Liberty Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y. Mrs. Doering does not have the entry blanks. I would not go into another tackle shop just to pick up an entry blank. I have been dealing with Mrs. Doering for the last 12 years.

3. I hope that there is as little red-tape as possible. Back in 1968, the club entered the R.J. Schaefer Fishing Contest and found that there was too much red-tape. All we want is time for fishing, without all the red-tape.

The L.I.F. is like the bible to us. That is why we feel that the contest and the record book will work.

I hope you won't feel that I am out of line in writing this letter. All I wished to do was to help. Good fishing, Walter Matuszak.

*What difference the starting date? The contest will be run every week, with a monthly and year-end prize. Simply enter when you begin fishing.*

*We will send entry blanks to Doerings. We will also send entry blanks to your club, if you'll send us the mailing address.*

*We will keep the red tape to a minimum so that we can all have more time to fish.*

### Wants Surf News

Sir:

I enjoy reading Vince Guaglianone's 'Strictly Casting' in your paper every week.

When you give the fishing report for Montauk, Hampton Bays, or Moriches, please also give us surf reports. If there are no reports of bass or blues in the surf, please report there are no reports of bass or blues in the surf this week. Please print more on surf fishing and beach buggies. Sincerely, Marvin Wollman, New York.

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## FRONT PAGE PHOTO

Does it look familiar? If you're one of the thousands of dedicated surf casters, the scene is typical in the spring of the year. Dreams which plagued many all these cold, bitter, winter months are now a reality. It may be a bit premature, but what is it — the surf, the sounds, the smells or the stripers? Whatever it is, it's that time of year. The angler pictured is Vince Guaglianone's father.

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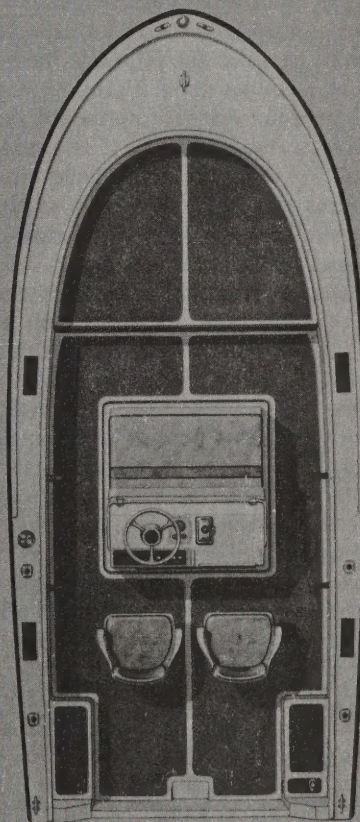
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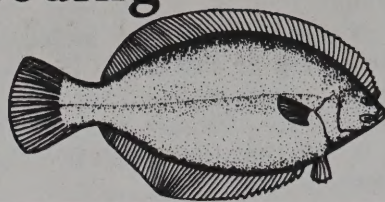


  
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# The Care And Feeding Of Flounders

by Ted Ness



➤ If a poll were taken among the thousands of Long Island fishermen, without a doubt, the flounder would be number one. Its abundance, availability to shore and boat fishermen, succulent taste, and its early appearance and late retreat, is a combination that's hard to beat.

The season starts on the first few warm days in March, when the absence of boat traffic and their resultant wakes, makes up for chilly weather. The same conditions exist in the late fall, when you can fish until the snow flies, or the deer rifle replaces the rod.

Abundant as flounders may be, there are times when you are hard put to fill even a small bucket. This is especially exasperating when the fellow in the boat next to you has them flying over the rail. Sometimes it is a matter of luck, but more often than not, it is a matter of skill. Using the right bait, chum, hardware, and technique will produce consistently. I would like to impart to you some of this knowledge.

Before I set myself up as some kind of an expert, I'd better tell you what happened last time I tried to educate some flounder fishermen.

As fishing chairman, I volunteered to give fishing instructions to any anglers going on our annual flounder charter in Greenport. There were no takers, but on the day of the charter, I was made to regret my offered generosity.

It was a typical spring day as we left the dock on the "Captain Luke" at 6:00 AM. It was raining and a bit cool, but once the anchor was dropped, all hands (but one) forgot the weather as the flounders began to fly over the side. Everyone was into fish, everyone but me that is. I spent the day changing baits, hooks, and places along the rail . . . but to no avail. My offer of fishing lessons was the basis of much good natured riding and didn't help my ego at all. Just before the whistle blew at the end of the day, I managed to snag a couple of fast flounders, which saved me from the humiliation of being skunked amid a boatful of successful anglers. To this day, some of the club members manage to give me a little dig when the subject of flounders is brought up.

So as not to set myself up as an expert again, I must inform you that any knowledge I am about to impart, is only a gathering of lore used by many of the more successful sinker bouncers.

**FLOUNDER BAITS:** Flounders being bait suckers, do not readily respond to artificial baits. They are primarily natural bait feeders. The most popular natural baits consist of the blood and sandworms, clam and mussels.

Bloodworms are favored by the average flounder fisherman, but their increasing cost, availability and decreasing size is making clam baits a popular replacement.

Clams used straight from the shell (especially the thin lips) are fine, but many anglers prefer the dyed red and yellow versions. Dyed clams are simple to prepare. Whole or pre-cut to bait size, they are simply placed in a plastic bag along with some water and food dye, and stored until they are needed. Even my wife, the skeptic, will admit to their effectiveness . . . she is an ardent red clam angler.

An advantage gained by the preslicer is that the waste portions, such as the belly and closing mussels, may be frozen and used in the chum pot at a later date. The shells may also be used if you are going fishing the following day.

Ribbed mussels are a favorite spring bait and may also be used in two states, fresh or treated. The fresh mussel are a pain to open and are as hard to keep on the hook as spit. Therefore it may be more convenient to steam them open, which will also toughen them to a degree. Placing them in a plastic storage bag, along with some yellow food dye, and some kosher salt will make them as tough as a dollar steak, and return the natural yellow color which appeals so to the flounder.

A note of caution to you who are planning to steam a batch of mussels in your kitchen . . . The smell of steaming mussels may not strike your wife as a perfect replacement for baking bread, so make sure the exhaust fan is in perfect working order. The empty shells should also be disposed of with a little discretion. (I'll never forget the look on my

garbageman's face as he opened the lid of a pail where the warm sun had brought out the full aroma of mussel shells sitting for a few days.)

**HARDWARE:** The typical flounder rig consists of two small hooks attached close to the sinker. Whether you use spreaders, or other commercially sold rigs, it makes little difference to the flounders, as long as the hooks are small enough to fit in his mouth, and the bait is kept ON the bottom.

Personally I feel that hardware should be kept at a minimum, although I favor white or yellow painted sinkers.

**TECHNIQUES:** A flounder spends his life on the bottom, seeking out tidbits that may be exposed there. Any disturbance of the bottom will attract him as this will expose many of his favorite foods. For this reason, it is advantageous for the angler to stir up the mud by bouncing his sinker or using some contrivance for this purpose. The bouncing of the sinker serves a two-fold service as a flounder which has sucked in your bait will be quickly hooked by your up-lifted line.

Chum is always an asset, IF it can be placed near your baits or boats. Chumming in a fast moving tide can only be practically done with a chum pot. Smashing clams or mussels and throwing them alongside is also a good method.

Although there is considerable controversy on the effect of corn chum on the flounders digestive system, it is a good attractor of fish . . . if your conscience permits.

Remember two things and you will catch flounders: One, a flounder has a small mouth and two, he is found only on the bottom. ▲

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# Springtime And Tackle Tips At Cedar Beach

» How beautiful this white covey beach is on a clear springtime day. The water seems dark blue and is still undisturbed by boats. White water beyond the surf line is of waves cresting over distant bars. Just for its beauty, Cedar Beach was always worth a visit, and how gratefully after winter in Fun City. Unless, this year: the oil-spill along Fire Island from the week of 2/27 still oozes out at Cedar in April... But take the surf-rod with you anyway, in case that oil's damage was "minimal" to marine life up in the Great South Bay - chief bait-supply for the Cedar surf.

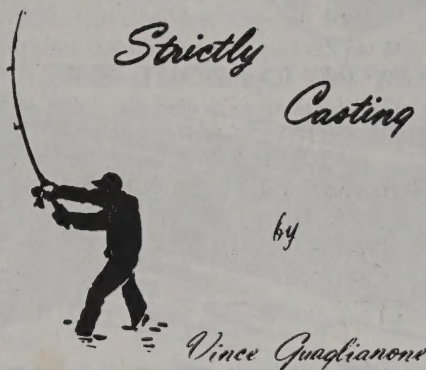
The 9-foot rod will do for Cedar's low surf. It should be stiff up from the butt through the rod's middle to allow casting a three-ounce sinker if need be, and for setting the hook in a chance good fish. This all-around 'jetty-stick' will also let you cast even the big Hopkins; or use a four-ounce sinker with heavier line on a very windy day.

Use a medium reel; the medium Crack or the Penn 710 is all you need so you can save bigger gears for autumn. My wife does fine with the Daiwa 7600. Lightweight, inexpensive, no bailspring trouble through three years of hard fishing, the Daiwa 7600's gears are strong enough for a good fish if you play it well by pressuring the spool with your fingers.

Bloodworms, if you can still find long ones, are best. Not every year will the schoolies at Cedar readily strike clams in April.

Good enough is 12-15 pound test line, with that 20-pound shocker if you want, and linked by the blood knot. But usually you won't have to cast far. Though a windy day can tangle light line casting, yet in the strong tidal current of this beach, the light mono is best because it 'bellies' less in the current. Use top make line like Stren, Newton's Ghost, or Berkley Trilene, but cast easy if you try the big Hopkins for a slow-drag retrieve.

Usually I stick with a two-ounce pyramid sinker. Forget the central four hours of a moon tide, especially in combo with a strong SW wind (in your right eye) that will often put ashore that dark, streamer-like weed hiding the bloody bait; knotting and breaking the line; or anyway helping the moon tide to drag the tackle awash five minutes after your cast. At Cedar I've found the moon-tide



effect six days before and three days after the new or the full moon! But fishing can be great at the top or neap of moon tides.

Use the smaller striper hooks, Eagle Claw or not. A hook the size of a small blackfish hook is best, especially on a short, stiff leader as Whiting Evans advises and as others have discovered. Evans, a great fisherman from surf to deep-sea, once explained the short leader effectiveness in terms of the current: the sunken bait shakes in the current like a flag fluttering in the breeze (and it helps if the hook is linked high up on the main line! And if there's no belly in the line).

Sometimes, when the torpid bass want you to retrieve slowly, sporadically inching in the bait, a long leader is best and with the famous three-way swivel. But why a leader longer than 17 inches? Forget about having a baited hook hit a bass in the mouth by a long leader, or even by the fish-finder rig. Let the pierced bait stream its juices, and the fish will sniff it out from a mile away on the ebb tide. For this reason, even old 'stale' bait is better than washed out, water-logged bait.

If you shorten the leader of a store-bought 'striper rig,' you need to learn how to tie a permanent loop on the cut leader's end; or how to tie the cut end to a swivel-ring with the clinch knot. When I do use a 20-pound test 'shocker' in the spring, it's really only for the extra knot-strength: to clinch-knot the 20-mono direct to the pyramid sinker's eye. Then the shocker-line is doubled around a finger, to tie a loop to it: a loop any-

where from just above the sinker, to 10 inches above it! If you loop high, you then link that short-leadered hook in the loop. You should slip the main-line's loop first into the hook-leader's loop, then run the hook through the main-line loop and pull taut. This makes a neat, stronger link-up. (In other words: never run a hook through its own leader-loop.) While it's true that this main-line looping weakens the 20-pound mono shocker, it also eliminates cast-impeding accessories and line-fouling with hook during the cast. It permits use of the short - 5 inches! 3 inches! - stiff leadered hook up high.

The crabs aren't beginning to be a problem till the end of April, when the float could be used on a regular long-leader rig. But I've seen casters get even full teen-sized bass on high set flounder hooks, short heavy leaders; the large flounder hooks home-snelled because the rodmen were after stripers and not flounders.

In 1967, when my wife got her first bass ever, that 10-pounder in a clam chowder surf at Cedar (see Issue No. 6, 3/2/72), we had baited her tackle as per the advice of Jimmy Carolan of 'Woods And Water Sports' in Jamaica. He had advised us (facing only Martha):

"Push the worm up past the hook, up on the gut (leader) about 4 or 5 inches up past the whole hook (not an Eagle Claw). That's the way they want it this year. They're hittin' funny."

They sure did. Don't ask me how the bass, going for the worm up on the leader, gets that bare hook on the inside of its face. Of course, I accept that the

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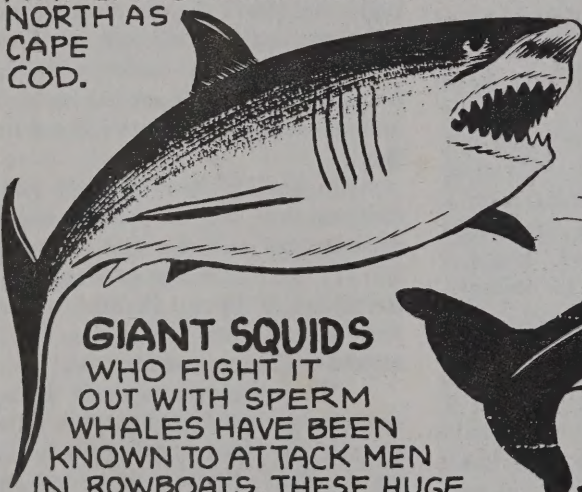


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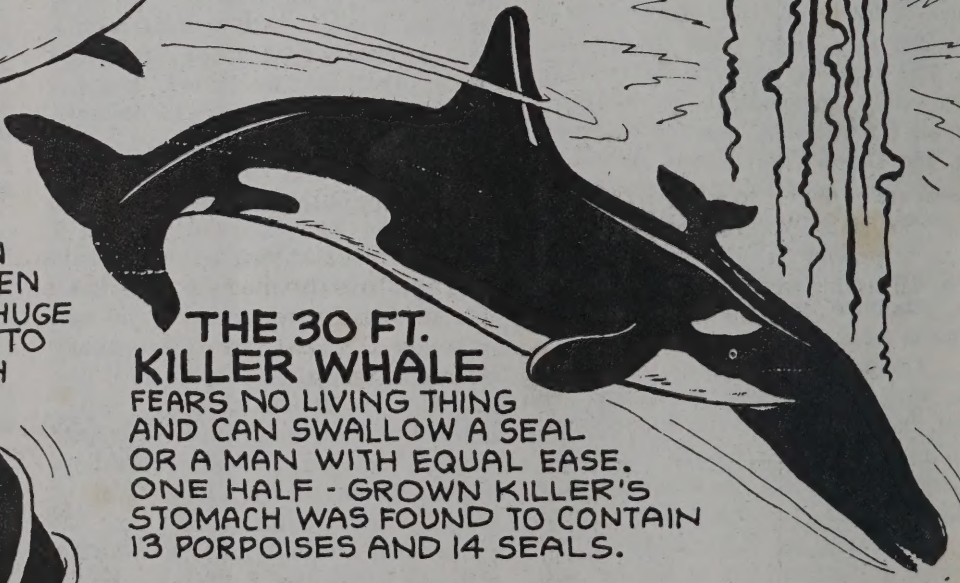
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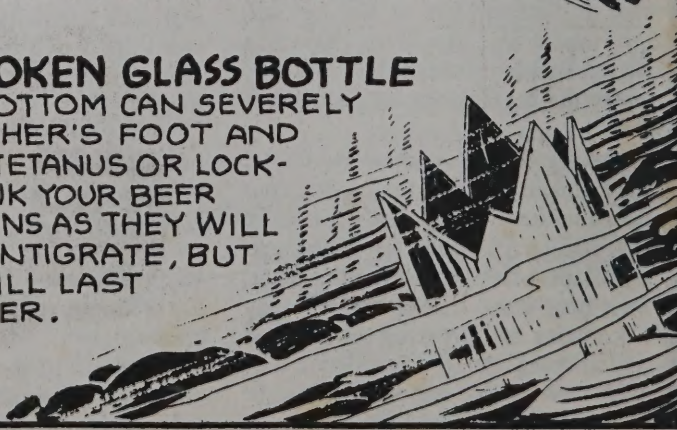
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# The Need For Artificial Fishing Reefs

by VLAD EVANOFF

» Sports and commercial fishermen have known for a long time that certain types of bottom attract more salt-water fishes than others. Thus they have always sought the so-called offshore "banks," "reefs" and rocky or broken bottoms, oyster, clam and mussel beds, and those covered with kelp, rockweed or other growth. They have found through experience that such areas attract and hold more fish than barren sand, mud or pebble bottoms.

Party boat captains and local anglers have also known that sunken ships or wrecks also attract and hold fish and provide good fishing. Such sunken ships are prime fishing spots and any captain or angler who knows the location of several such wrecks and can find them when he needs to, has an "ace-in-the-hole" over other captains or anglers who do not know these wrecks.

But good fishing bottoms and sunken wrecks are not too numerous or are found in spots which are too distant and not convenient for anglers in a certain area to fish. And with more and more salt-water anglers trying to fish the popular fishing spots and sunken wrecks, things are beginning to get a bit crowded.

So, since World War II there has been a growing trend toward building artificial fishing reefs in various locations along the Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico and Pacific coasts. The idea of attracting fish to a certain spot by placing or sinking various materials is nothing new and has been done for centuries by the Japanese. They have placed timbers and sand old boats on fishing grounds. They have also dumped rocks and concrete blocks into the ocean. But this was mainly to benefit commercial fishing since Japan depends on the sea for food more than most nations.

In this country early attempts at attracting fish to certain areas began in fresh-water lakes and streams many years ago when anglers would sink trees, brush, branches and similar growth to the bottom of lakes to attract sunfish, yellow perch, crappies and bass to the spot. Trout fishermen have tried to improve streams by building dams, placing logs and tree trunks in certain spots and anchoring rocks to provide hiding places for trout and generally try to improve the habitat for the fish, minnows and insect life.

In salt-water it wasn't until the 1930's that the late Captain Robert C. Pierpont of Wildwood and Cape May, N.J. pioneered the construction of artificial reefs. He was a party boat captain and he and his friends built a reef by sinking old barges, boats and concrete filled old drums off the southern New Jersey coast. Closer to home a Captain John Suydam and other party boat skippers constructed an artificial reef inside Fire Island Inlet about the same time.

Then another attempt was made to create a reef off Fire Island in 56 feet of water. The F & M Schaefer Brewing Company played a big part in the building of this reef by donating 15,000 unwanted wooden beer boxes. These were partially filled with cement and towed out on barges where they were dumped into the sea by local boat captains volunteering their labor for the project. Named the "Rudy Schaefer Fishing Grounds," the reef provided good fishing for many years.

Since then many artificial reefs have been built along the Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific coasts. Most of these have been highly successful and worth the

effort, time and money that went into their construction. And many surveys and tests have proven that artificial reefs really do attract fish to areas which formerly were barren or had limited visits by fish.

Fish are attracted to the artificial reefs because they feed on the marine and plant life which attaches itself or grows on the reef materials placed there. Soon after this material is sunk, you see plants, barnacles, mussels appearing on it. Tiny fish, shrimp, worms and other food becomes plentiful too. Small and big fish find cover and protection in the holes and crevices and have a "home" to live in. In time a properly constructed reef becomes a veritable "city of fish" . . . a collection point for resident and seasonal haunt of migratory game fish. Salt-water anglers then find such reefs provide excellent fishing.

Many kinds of materials have been used to build artificial reefs. About the poorest material you can use is wood. A wooden ship sunk to the bottom may attract fish in the beginning and provide good fishing. But soon the wood begins

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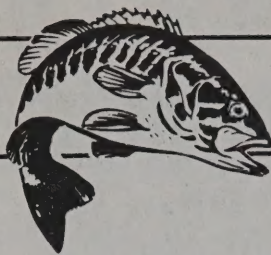
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# FRESH WATER ANGLING

BY  
AL CROSS

» A few weeks ago I spent an evening talking at the home of a fellow fisherman. The conversation was not only enjoyable, but also quite enlightening. I'll tell you why.

The fisherman whose home I was at is Earl Glasshagel. Earl is the president of a local off-shoot of a nation wide fishing association called very plainly and simply BASS. This association is just what the name implies, a group of men dedicated to one kind of fishing, and one kind only. Their objective is the improvement of the art of taking bass. And taking bass is something these men are doing and doing with great results. Perfect examples of these results were Doc Bartlick's two prize-winning hogs, as pictured on the December 2nd cover of the Long Island Fisherman. Now a few of you skeptics out there might say, "Well, so the guy took a couple of big bass. He was just lucky enough to be at the right spot at the right time." Yes, he was at the right spot alright, but not because he was lucky. The point I want to make is that Doc knew exactly the

spot he wanted to be in and how he wanted to fish it.

The reason for Doc's success and for the ever-increasing success of all the members of the BASS organization is more in the realm of the scientific than just a question of luck. These gentlemen, through the use of a few gadgets and knowing how to use them, are putting bass on their stringers regularly. These bass are of a size that anyone would be proud to catch. Also, this feat is being accomplished right here on Long Island at lakes and ponds that I have heard referred to as "lousy," or "no fish in there at all," or perhaps a less strong comment of, "We only get a few small ones in there now and then."

Let's get away from the generalizing and down to the nitty gritty. I'd like to shine a little light for you on the mystery of their success. These club members are fishing what is called 'structure.' They are utilizing scientific measures to study the bottom topography of the lake. To this end they fish from small cartop portable boats equipped with a few gadgets to make this kind of fishing possible. Before we go any further, let me say this. If you are not a dedicated bass man who doesn't mind spending a few extra dollars to further this dedication, you might as well put this down and not bother to read any further. The cash outlay to some folks may seem exorbitant. Many of you, who read along, may feel it is well worthwhile.

The first necessity, as I've mentioned, is the small boat that can fit on your car top, and is light enough for you to handle by yourself if and when you fish alone. (A point to be noted here is that boats are not permitted on some of our Long Island lakes, so you must check locally on restrictions before launching.) The next item, which is helpful but not absolutely necessary, is one of the small electric motors that are available on the market. This will transport you quietly around your chosen lake and it is a hell of a lot better than rowing. The third and probably the most important necessity for this kind of fishing is a depth recorder and, if one is available, a chart of your

lake. The depth recording instrument gives you a chance to learn the bottom structure and to find out, as my friend Earl so aptly put it, where the honey-holes are. This knowledge, combined with the new and improved methods of fishing rubber worms, is what is taking fish for the members of BASS and for other knowledgeable fishermen around the country.

As you can see, I have not gone deeply into this method of fishing in this article. I expect to be in further contact with Earl and his group of 'pros,' and will attempt to pass along to you more details on this great way of taking bass in some of our later issues.

To change the subject somewhat, I would like to answer the numerous inquiries I have been getting about the shrimp tout that I mentioned in the article about weak fishing a few weeks ago. I found mine, for a moderate price, at J and R Sports Center, 1440 Montauk Highway in Oakdale. You will find this store just east of Bronco Charlie's on the Highway.

Remember, keep our waters clear and running free, and do your fishing for fun.

## CLUB NEWS

### Hudson Point Fishing Club

The Hudson Point Fishing Club, of Freeport, L.I., has elected the following members as officers for the 1972 season: President, Mitch Eisenberg; Treasurer, Sid Schawelson; Secretary, Joe Long; Recording Secretary, Al Rifkin.

The Club is looking forward to another good fishing season. Anyone interested in joining this club, or any fishing clubs interested in inter-club fishing activities, can call Joe Long at MA 3-6656.

### Walnut Rod & Gun Club

The Walnut Rod & Gun Club held their regular meeting and elected officers for 1972. They are as follows: Stephen Ference, President; Larry Brags, Vice President; Charles Fedor, Treasurer; Alfred Wood, Recording Secretary; Bl Messar, Sgt. at Arms.

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## LATE REPORT

### SAYVILLE

Dennis Masterson of the South Bay Fishing Station reports that all his boats were out over the weekend and that the average was 50 fish per boat. "There wasn't a single postage stamp in the lot," he said. Mark Stewart, Jeff and Lawrence Gelman, of Brooklyn, fishing off Heck-scher State Park near Buoy 5 on Sunday, caught 95 flounders close to 2 lbs. Blood-worms did the trick. Dennis also said that there was a big call for mussels for chum.

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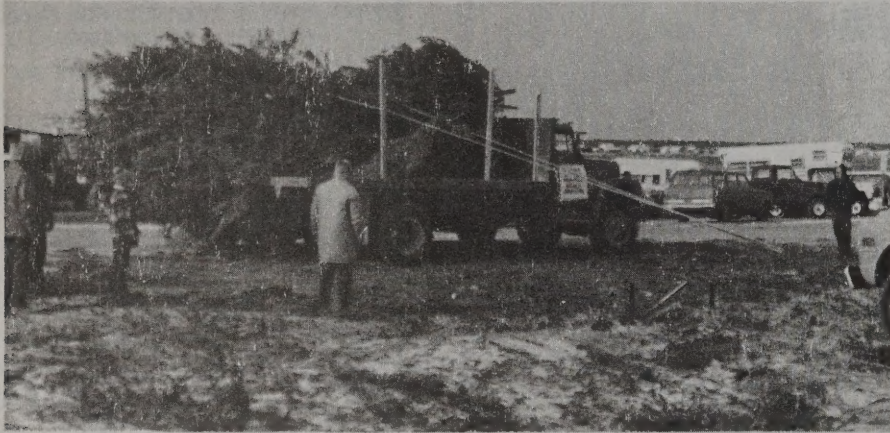
# HOW TO BUILD A SAND DUNE

Who wants to build a sand dune? Two organizations on Long Island spend countless hours and hundreds of dollars each year to do just that.

These conservation minded groups are the LIBBA and the GSBMS (Long Island Beach Buggy Association and the Great South Beach Mobile Sportsfisher-

men).

These photos will show some of the conservation work done by these fine organizations.



On the other side of this truck is another truck of equal size. It is not equipped to travel over the sand, so a nylon rope was placed around the entire load and rolled over onto the truck that is equipped to travel over the sand. At the far right you can see the small truck doing the pulling. In case you can't read the sign on the truck door, it says "GSBMS and LIBBA fighting Beach Erosion".



Same truck dumping load at weak spot in dune line.



Break in dune line filled with trees.



GSBMS President, John Horndrup, really bogged down (down to his chassis). The vehicle on the right has just yanked John out with a nylon snatch rope.



This young fellow isn't wearing that mask to be funny. It was bitter cold, around 4°, and the wind was blowing a good 25 knots.



Here the same boy is trying desperately to get that tree on top of the pile but the wind just blew him back.



A line of trees, about an eighth of a mile, fill the low areas.

Even the ladies were out in force.



In these photos you can see the fruits of last year's labor. The wind blown sand all but covered the trees. By next year these dunes will be higher and wider. Sometimes during the summer our trees get washed away by the pounding surf and high winds, so we just put more there during the winter.

Building dunes with Christmas trees is like rowing upstream . . . ya stop rowing and back you go . . . so we just keep on rowing, and we do progress.

*HARRY BONNER  
LIBBA No. 240*



# CONNECTICUT SCENE

BY

DICK  
ALLEY

week and came in with half a bushel of fine flatties.

Kehoes, doesn't expect to get going much before mid-April. He's located in nearby Higgam, and the harbor ice hangs in longer there. As soon as Quincy breaks loose, it's tip-top fishing for big flounder, averaging one to three pounds. Though it may be a long ridge, not fit for half day trips, every flounder fan should schedule at least one day's fishing here. More on Quincy next week.



**Paula Silvestri teaches Rich Reina a few things about hooking a fish at the Striper Surf Club's booth at the N.Y. Sport & Camping Show.**

Many of our readers may recall our March 2nd cover which featured a reward poster for John Q. Polluter. The Striper Surf Club, which created and distributed this poster to all adults at the recent Coliseum Sport and Camping Show, informed us that considerable interest was shown by many sportsmen and the general public.

The members that manned the Surf Club's booth were often drawn into long discussions on the subject of pollution and its prevention. Many visitors congratulated the Club on its efforts and a few had heated arguments with the members about the omission of the Government and Sportsmen as major polluters; a not to be overlooked truth.

Generally speaking, the results were excellent. The apparent confusion and frustration of the public as to how to fight pollution was clearly noticeable.

This poster shows them one way and it also shows how a small group of fishermen contributed to the fight.

No matter what mother nature may say, Spring is here as far as the calendar is concerned. What the few days will bring between the writing and the reading of this column, will dictate whether you've had your first taste of fishing as yet.

If the weather's good, you've probably yanked those first few flounders from the bottom, and if it's bad, you at least should have been getting ready.

When that thermometer first climbs into the fifties, it's like throwing a switch. Suddenly it's time to go fishing. If you're wise, you spent the winter cleaning your reels, winding new guides to replace the worn and broken ones, sharpening hooks, dabbing paint on bluefish-worn plugs, replacing those old lines, and numerous other little chores gathered from fishing the previous season. If not, you're suddenly finding you have a problem or two.

Fortunately, tackle dealers have learned to expect a spring rush, and while you may have to wait a day or two longer to put your gear into shape, it'll still be delivered with a smile and good wishes for the coming season.

When I made my calls this week, I didn't expect too much, what with ice storms, snow, thundershowers and the like, but there was some news.

## WESTCHESTER

A few hardy souls braved the wind and cold out of Camerons in New Rochelle, and even brought in a couple of flats. When the sun shines, boat liveries are busy painting boats, ordering bait, and plan to be ready soon as we are. Camerons is already carrying bait, and almost all will handle worms by the time this column makes print.

## NORWALK

Vin Mola also reports some first flounder catches, both from boatmen fishing Bell Island, and shore-bound anglers fishing from Calf Pasture Pier. Sprite Island should be one of the early hotspots according to this fisherman's records. No report on any of the outer islands as yet.

## WESTPORT

Joe Saviano has been manning the Westport Tackle Shop while Ed and Nancy are fishing and flying in Florida. We heard from Ed during the week, and sad though

it may be, the local wind conditions kept them shore-bound much of the time.

## BRIDGEPORT

We found Bob Zam Pidri of Bob's Bait, up to his ears in rod and reel repairs. Rumor has it that a couple of the gang tried out of Fayerweather, but no word as to how they made out.

Steve Kovacs at the Sportsmen's Den teamed up with Stowie to try for sea-run brown trout at Niantic. While they were skunked, anglers only a couple of days earlier reported some excellent catches. Steve also advised of some good flounder fishing in Stonington, long noted for early season flounder fishing. Several Bridgeport anglers have returned with worthwhile bags of good-sized flounder. It was plenty to prompt another call to STONINGTON...

I called Freddie's Boat Livery there, and the news sent those remembered flashes running up my spine. They'll have half a dozen boats ready for this weekend, and more on the following. Several anglers have used the launching ramp to good advantage, coming in with flounder to two pounds. Freddie's also offers bait, a snack bar, and tackle. Bridges are also producing in this area for non-boaters. Bonus — A couple of fishermen have tallied cod at Watch Hill.

## FRESH WATER

The fresh water clan, (and I consider myself a member) need not wait for April 15th to open the Conn. trout season. A call to Les Corey at Rainbow Lake Trout Farm, advised that the ice is out, insuring weekend fishing for the remainder of March, and full time fishing beginning April 1st. Rainbow Lake is located in North Haven, right off Exit 12 of Rte. 91.

At Fisherman's Paradise off Rte 7 in Danbury, Ray Peterson was manning the phone, just waiting for the ice to disappear. Much of it is already gone, and a new stocking last week, included some 25 fish in the four to five pound class. Another week or two should clear the lake for fishing.

Last but not least, I made a couple of calls to the Flounder Capitol of the east, Quincy Mass. Hurley's Fishing station in Quincy will be operating this weekend, and the fish are there. Two hardy anglers tried for the first time last

# NORTH SHORE REPORTS

## NEW SUFFOLK

Sal Loria of Capt. Marty's Fishing Station reported that flounder fishing has started locally. Mr. Carmaico, of Howard Beach, Queens, caught 15 flounders last weekend while fishing off of the big rock at the North Race. Flounders up to 2 lbs. were quite eager to feed on mussel and clam baits.

## MOUNT SINAI

Ralph Davenport of Ralph's Fishing Station reported that the new season is just getting started locally. By next weekend, we should have some fishing reports available.

## PORT JEFFERSON

John Caraftis of the Caraftis Fishing Station reported that flounder fishing is off to a good start locally. Flounders are being caught in good numbers by the old bridge at Setauket Harbor and off of Conscience Bay. Last Sunday, Stanley Moratis, of Port Jefferson, caught 100 flounders up to 1½ lbs. at the old bridge.

## SMITHTOWN

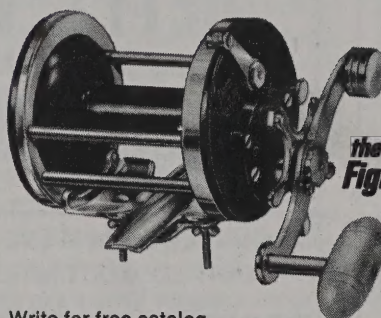
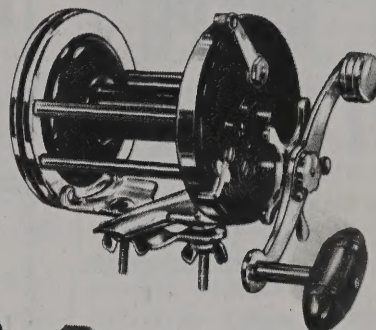
George Pankovein of Beacon of the Sound reported that nothing has happened locally as of yet. A few boats were out last weekend for some early flounder and striped action. Boats that fished by LILCO tower returned without catches or reports.

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## NORTHPORT

Art Levine of Chainlocker Bait & Tackle reported that flounder fishing started last weekend for the Northport area and by the Long Island power plant. Flounders up to a pound are being caught on both worm and mussel baits.

## COLD SPRING HARBOR

Milt Powles of Vets Fishing Station reported, "It's still quiet here, but we will be open this coming weekend. Our boats will be ready; we hope the fish will."

# SOUTH SHORE REPORTS

## MONTAUK

Capt. Les Behan, skipper of the "Peconic Queen," reports the codfishing has been fair the last week or so. On Saturday, mainly due to the weather, it was off. On Sunday, the fishing was good. Cod up to 30 lbs. were caught. Ted Zanaws, of Ozone Park, was high hook with 8 cod up to 30 lbs. The pool winner was a Mr. R. Wilhelm of Queens Village with a 32 lb. cod. This fish won Mr. Wilhelm \$180.00. Capt. Behan said he has been fishing the waters off of Block Island and the Southwest Ledge.

## CAPTREE

Capt. George Tweedy, skipper of the "Capt. Scotty," reports the flounder fish-

ing is good. On Sunday, it was excellent. Some of the fares on board had 40 to 60 fish per man. The average catch though was about 20 to 25 flounders. "We aren't traveling as far as Heckscher Park to get action. The waters off of Islip are producing excellent results. The flounders are a good size, averaging ¾'s of a pound. Worms, clams and mussels are used for bait."

## FREEPORT

Capt. Richie Kessinger, skipper of Capt. Jack's "Star Stream," reports very slow cod fishing for the past week. "We have been going to local spots and picking a few here and a couple there. The cod are small, only averaging out at 5 to 8 lbs. There is an occasional fish in the 10 lb.

range. The flounder fishing seems to be picking up in our area. From all reports, local boatmen are doing an excellent job

on these winter flatfish in the channels and muddy bottom areas. Worms are considered best in the bait department."

## MORICHES

Jack Jones of Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station said that fishing was pretty slow yet. "Although some of the flounders that were caught are fairly big, they're not fat yet." The best report from this station was of a catch of 60 flounders by Buoy 27.

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### ATLANTIC BEACH

Leon Miller of Henning's Fishing Station reported that there are still some cod located from one to three miles south of the East Rockaway Jetty. Bill Wojtuziak, of Rego Park, fished one mile south of the Jetty last Sunday. He caught four cod up to 12 lbs. and he also lost a few.

Unfavorable tide and weather conditions were against flounder fishermen last weekend. Strong tides churned up bay areas and local waters became muddy. Dirty waters were bad enough but added to this were high winds from the northwest which made inland bay areas sloppy, choppy and bumpy. Some flounder were caught, however, action was far off the normal pace.

The best report of last weekend was on Sunday when "the sun was out." Anyway, if conditions improve this coming week, anglers can expect some decent action. The best spots are at Duck Point, Garret Lead, Broad Channel and between buoys 8 and 10 of Reynolds Channel.

### SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Last Friday night, the Tampa IV of Sheepshead Bay made its first special offshore cod and pollack trip of the season. To some extent the trip was a disappointment for the anglers as only a few cod and pollack were caught. It was no fault of the fishermen, just the weather. As the Tampa IV pushed offshore, both sea and weather conditions started to change. As the long ride ended and the wreck was located, sea conditions turned quite rough.

The wreck showed promise for the

sonar scanner showed an abundance of fish, however, due to the existing rough sea conditions, the Tampa IV was unable to lay over the wreck properly. As the day slowly passed, only a few cod and numbers of pollack were caught. If the weather had not turned for the worse, the outcome would have been an entirely different story.

Locally, party boats are continuing to produce good whiting catches at Light Ship Ridge and by and around the B.A. Buoy. Anglers are averaging anywhere from 6 to 20 fish per man. Northwest winds and flood tides prevented boats from drifting last weekend and catches were far off the previous week's pace which was 15 to 40 fish per man.

At Scallop Ridge, cod and yellow-tail flounder were caught last weekend. You could also have as many conga eels as you wanted here. The action at this area can be described as a delicate pick. Boats that fished there caught at least 2 to 3 cod per boat.

Flounder fishing along bay areas and piers is shaping up quite nicely. Flounders, mostly on the small side, are being caught at a moderate pace most of the day. Due to their small size, most of the flounders that are caught are thrown back. Party boats from Sheepshead Bay are presently finding action at Silver Hole in Jamaica Bay. Within two weeks, or if temperatures should warm, flounder fishing off Rockaway Jetty should take hold.

Sy Karlin, club representative of the Sheepshead Bay Tuna Club of Brooklyn has announced that the Sheepshead Bay Tuna Club will award to any angler who lands the largest tuna during the 1972 season a complete 9/0 game fishing outfit. This will consist of a matched rod and reel, with plenty of 80 lb. fishing line to catch another one. This prize will be won by any angler who sails from ports from Gerritsen Beach to Sea Gate. He or she may fish on any boat, but the tuna must be weighed in at Stella Maris Fishing Station, Mike's Tackle, or at the Red Barge. There is no entry fee, nor must the angler be affiliated with any fishing club. This award was set up by the members of the Sheepshead Bay Tuna Club to support and promote sport fishing for the Sheepshead Bay area. The closing date for all entries will be October 31, 1972.

### SANDY HOOK

Art of Giglio's Bait & Tackle of Sea Bright reported that flounder fishing for this area is off to a great start. The Coast Guard Station at Sea Bright and the Shrewsbury River are the best flounder spots around. Flounders up to 2 lbs. are being caught, and anglers are averag-

ing from 12 to 30 flounders per man. Private boats are fishing bay areas and they are doing even better.

Party boats from the Atlantic Highlands and the Highlands are still doing quite well with whiting. They are fishing the Mud Hole, B.A. Buoy and at Ambrose Tower of Lightship Ridge. It seems that when weather conditions improve, so do their catches. There have been no striped catches or reports this season. It will be at least two or three weeks before any bass action starts.

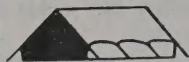
Capt. Bunt of the Sea Horse called last Sunday to give a report and a comment. The Sea Horse fished areas around the B.A. Buoy last weekend. There they caught whiting at a fair pace. Anglers averaged from 12 to 30 fish per man on both days. During both days of fishing, not one ling was caught. As for Capt. Bunt's comment, he expressed his support of the Emergency Committee to Save America's Marine Resources. This committee supports the proposal that the United States adopt the 200 mile fishing limit around the United States coastline. Capt. Bunt expressed the opinion that New Jersey anglers should write to their congressmen and express their personal views and hopefully their support. If any New Jersey fisherman or outdoorsman is not familiar with this Committee, they should write to: Emergency Committee, 110 Charlotte Place, Englewood Cliffs, N.J. 07632.

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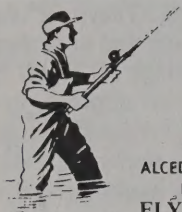
Harry Conrade of Gate's Bait & Tackle reported the Manasquan River and upper bay areas are your best flounder spots presently. Flounders up to 1½ lbs. are being caught at a fair pace. With warmer weather coming, flounder catches will and should improve. The same applies to the numbers of anglers trying.

At Barnegat Bay areas and at the Mullica River, stripers are now being caught on worm baits, however, most of the bass are on the small side. One out of every four is a keeper. By the first week in April, the Manasquan area should produce its first bass catches. The first bass catch of the season last year was on April 4th.

Party boats from this port are still doing a fine job on whiting at the Mud Hole and south of the Farms. The spring run of cod is taking shape and most boats are catching a few. It won't be too long before the party boats will be mackerel fishing.



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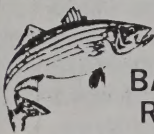
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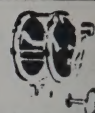
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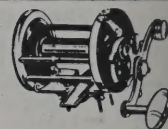
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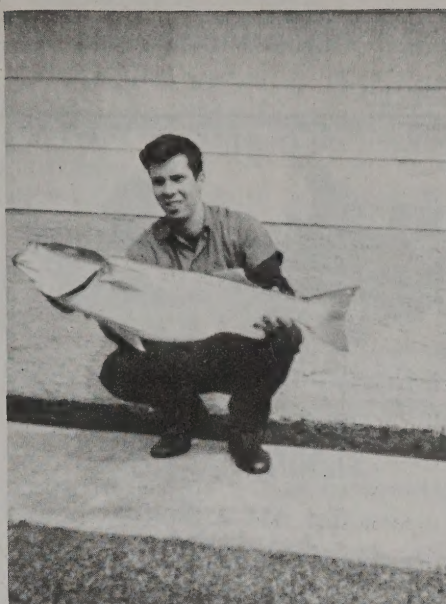
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*by Jim O'Gallagher*

➤ **What is surf fishing?**

Surf fishing is the combination of: superior intelligence, with enough sense to be dumber than a fish; perserverance to withstand the elements in conquest of your goal; agility, to maintain balance on precarious rocks, and trecherous sands; knowledge of the species' innermost habits, presenting the acknowledged area lure only to find that it is spurned; satisfaction of knowing that you tried although the fish didn't acknowledge your time spent.

Yes, we could go on but I'm sure that any man (woman) who has spent time pounding the surf knows that my brief description above is likened to one drop of sand in a bucket. The pounder of the surf is the most dedicated, yet the most unrewarded fisherman, as all fishermen will aver.

The boat fisherman can always best the surf angler because he has available the means to change locations readily when fish don't seem to be where they should. Many areas can be tried within a given time so that fish can be located either by trial and error, or electronically. However, the angler from the surf (without beach buggy) is limited to the immediate area he is in.

The majority of the devoted surfmen generally spurn the thought of using bait or multiple-hooked lures. Jigs, plugs, beer can tops, you name it, they all will be tried and tested for productivity, and the angler will invariably also try lures of his own design. Now we are not saying that this is strictly a purist

type of fishing, but you will find more purists in the surf in comparison to boat.

The surf angler is a special breed. Initially he may go as many as three years without catching a fish (2-3 years is average). Although this time goes by without the rewards of a fish dinner, the surfman is constantly learning techniques and methods that will improve his fish-catching ability. You could say that this 2-3 year span is an apprenticeship period that all surf fishermen must endure.

Sure, there are some who get fish in their first year and probably many. You will find that they have a mentor, or are just plain lucky. Nine times out of ten these fishermen will spend their second year fishless but learning more in the art of surf angling.

To know any given beach you have to spend time on it. You have to know where the holes, sluices and bars are. You have to know feeding times in relation to tides, moon and weather. You don't learn this in one quick jaunt to the beach.

When you know your beach thoroughly, then you will be rewarded with fish. You will find that knowledge gained on one beach can be applied to others. This is the time that you will realize that the rewards in fishing the surf are plentiful only after you have served your apprenticeship.

So beginners out there who have had a non-productive season, don't be discouraged in your apprenticeship period. You will be the pro of tommorrow.

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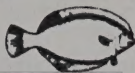
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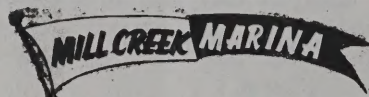


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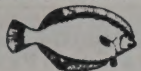
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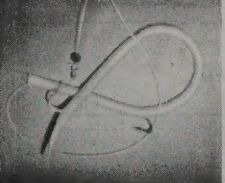
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to rot or is infested by Teredo - - or "ship-worm," which bores through wood, causing it to fall apart and eventually disappear.

Other artificial reefs have been built by sinking old cars to the bottom. Such reefs have been recommended highly because it would help solve the "junk" problem and rid the countryside and cities of the many old cars lying around. But tests have shown that although such reefs stay in place on the bottom and are not scattered by storms or currents, they do not last very long either. After about 4 or 5 years the bodies rust away and have to be replaced by additional junk cars. Junk cars are also big and heavy and it costs a lot of money to lift, haul them to a boat or barge, and then dump them into the water.

Then someone came up with the idea of using old automobile and truck tires to build artificial reefs. Auto and truck tires are readily available at little expense; they are light and easy to handle and being made from nylon, rayon, fiber-glass and synthetic rubber, they last a long time in salt-water. The main problem was to sink them and keep them in place on the bottom. This was solved by drilling four holes in the tire to let air escape, then fill it with concrete so it will sink and finally tie or chain several tires together. Such a reef built off Florida with several thousand old tires has provided excellent fishing in the area.

But by far the best material for building reefs is rock or concrete. Big quarry rocks such as those used to construct jetties or breakwaters if dumped on the bottom one on top of the other provide crevices and hiding places for marine life and small fish. They last indefinitely and are heavy enough to stay in place despite storms and currents. But quarry rock is expensive, heavy to handle and requires special equipment to transport on land or sea.

Clay or concrete pipe and culverts also make good reef material, but they are also heavy and expensive and financing such a reef can be costly.

The Japanese have designed special concrete blocks to use in the construction of artificial reefs and these are now considered superior to any other type of material. They are in the shape of a box with five or six sides and round holes on all sides. Such reefs have now been built in this country off California and have proven to be great fish havens.

## CHUM LINES

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Dear Marvin:

One of my standard questions when I call the tackle dealers for a report in their area is, "What's happening in the surf?" If you have some back issues of last summer's L.I.F., you'll notice I say (in most cases) surf action is slow or nothing is happening on the beach. Many times I rely on fishermen like yourself to give current surf news. So Marv, if you get any surf casting info, just give us a call. Thank you, Bob Lee.

## Show Cancelled

Dear Sir:

I am very disappointed in not seeing the light tackle bluefish on American Sportsman. Why was the show on bluefish not shown? I read in the L.I.F. on Page 2 that it was supposed to be on 3/12/72. I wish you would write in the L.I.F. when this episode will be shown on American Sportsman. Sincerely, yours, John A. Moore, Mahopac, N.Y.

Dear John:

You're disappointed! Rich Reina and I hurried our golf game to catch that show. I called Al

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Reef building, however, is no job for the amateur and requires careful planning and execution. Many fishing clubs, sportsmen's groups and even individuals can propose and support artificial reef building projects. They can even raise funds for it and help in the construction. But marine biologists claim that the type of bottom, wave action, currents, depth height and placement and anchoring of man-made reefs will affect the durability and productivity of the undertaking. So before such a reef is started, it is wise to consult biologists and other experts to help choose the proper location and materials.

You also have to get the approval of the District Army Corps of Engineers, the Navy, and in most states, the Department of Conservation. You have to mark the reef with buoys and maintain these markers and the reef itself. Many individuals, groups and organizations which start such projects often run out of money, time or lose interest and the reef is never properly built or maintained.

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## LATE REPORTS

### BABYLON

From Augie's Bait & Tackle, it was reported that Ben Zino, his son Bart and neighbor, Nick Zigo, all of Babylon, aboard Zino's Aquasport "Impy" caught 25 flounders ranging from  $\frac{3}{4}$ 's to 1 lb. 6 ozs. on Saturday while fishing Dickerson Channel. Worms and clams were used as bait while chumming with mussels. On Sunday, Babylon Tuna Club members Henry Palumbo and John Koczalka, fishing aboard their "Laura Lorraine," caught a nice mess of flounders off Buoy 4, east of the bridge. Mrs. Principe, Augie's better half, also said the "Sea Mist," skippered by Capt. John Tierney, is sailing daily from Babylon for flounders.

Walter Schmidt of the Babylon Fishing Station reports plenty of flounders in the area off the Babylon Swimming Pool, and the Bay Shore flats off Brightwaters, and in the Snake Hill Channel. "Most are quite big," he said. The bait to use is worms.

## CHUM LINES

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*Reinfelder and he explained that the show has been canceled indefinitely. ABC gave no reason why it was deleted. Write to them and maybe you can get more info then we got. Okay? Bob Lee*

Dear Sir:

You were lying in your March 9th issue of the L.I.F. You stated that there would be a show about Long Island Sound bluefishing on television with George Kirby and Al Reinfelder with light tackle. Yours truly, H.D. Kallman, New York.

Dear Dave,

*Would I lie to you? (read answer above). "Bob the Lier"*

## To Air Tourney Gripes

Gentlemen:

From discussions with other fishermen throughout the Northeast Atlantic area, we find we have no recourse for the numerous complaints by us in the persuance of tournament fishing.

The complaints range from extended fishing time to conflicting dates of the various tournaments.

As you know, most of us would like to fish in all the tournaments, but for one reason or another this is not possible. The complaints are so strongly voiced that if all of the men fishing in the major events that have threatened to quit did quit, we would no longer have tournaments. **NO PARTICIPANTS - NO TOURNAMENTS!**

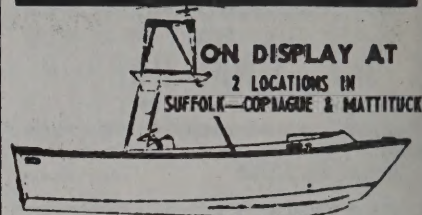
We would like to have a meeting of the various clubs, to air out and compile these complaints and present them to the sponsoring clubs, so they may be corrected. In this way we may attend these tournaments with the feeling of being welcomed, instead of put upon like a bunch of suckers only to pay the bill.

East Bay Anglers and Nicks Point Tuna Club would like to host a meeting of as many of the participating clubs as would like to come to complain. If you wish to voice your complaints, please list them and send them with your fishing or tournament chairman. Please send only one representative. We wish to accommodate as many as possible.

The meeting will take place on Friday, the 7th of April at 8:30 P.M., at

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BY  
*Eva Halbeck*



## CHUM LINES

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the White Oak Inn, 116 Camp Avenue, North Merrick. Telephone: 378-9847.

Hope to see your representative at this meeting.

Beer and pretzels on East Bay. Sincerely, Sam Blasi, Tournament Chairman, EBA and Al Goodis, President, NPTC.

## Huntington Anglers

Dear Rich:

So you're the new editor of the L.I. Fisherman. Congratulations. I am the publicity chairman of the Huntington Anglers Club, of which many of our members are subscribers to your magazine. I sent a list of officers to Don Miller for 1972. I don't know if you saw it, but I am sending them to you again.

New Officers for 1972: President, Ted Pelton; 1st Vice President, Andy Hoffman; Treasurer, John Stone; Recording Secretary, Jon Petraitis; Sgt. at Arms, Glenn Petraitis.

Trophy Winners for 1971: Bass from the surf, Bill Piccione, 31 lbs.; Bass from Boat, Joe Phister, 36 lbs.; Blue from Surf, Tom Paino, 10 lbs. 3 ozs.; Blue from Boat, George Elsbeck, 13 lbs.; Blackfish, Adam Fiore, 8 lbs.; Weakfish, Dan Marro, 1 lb. 14 ozs.; Flounder, Dan Marro, 2 lbs. 12 ozs.

*Here is the list, Dan. Sorry about that!*

end, John Halama and Matthew Mascia, of Bellmore, fishing off that shore, caught 23 flatties; all were keepers. The best baits, this emporium tells us, are sandworms, bloodworms and mussels.

## POINT LOOKOUT

"Fishing is very good," is the report from Ed's Fishing Station here. "Seventeen boats were out on Sunday, and not one boat was without fish," Mrs. Wardle reported. Bill and Max Horowitz, of Pt. Lookout, fishing on Sunday, caught 38 flounders from 1 to 1½ lbs. using worms and mussels. On Sunday, Bruno Grabac and Joe Boit, of Wallington, N.J., caught 40 good sized flounders using clams and mussels, fishing in Fundy Bay and at Cinder Creek. Also fishing Cinder Creek on Sunday, Al Durman of Richmond Hill made a good catch of flatties up to 1½ lbs. He took his fish on clams and mussels.

» Here we are approaching what in our house is called "F.F.F.S." (Flounder Fishing Fever Season). As the wife of an ardent angler, I have to make sure there is plenty of canned whole kernel corn available. This is used for chum. Many years ago, when this request was made, I thought, "He's gone nuts," but I was proven wrong. For when I joined in on a flounder fishing trip, sure enough, upon cleaning our catch, there was the proof of the pudding. Corn kernels in the stomach of the fish. But I have learned since that wives should never question these professionals on the subject of fishing!

Freshly caught flounder has a most delicate and sort of sweet flavor which makes for delicious eating. Small and medium sized ones pan fry great. The larger ones bake extremely well. Also, the roe is very tasteful and does not have to be baked before frying like cod roe, as it is much smaller. The larger flounder can be cut into 2 or 3 inch slices and fried too. If you bake this type of flatfish whole, I suggest after it is done to desired preference for doneness, place it under the broiler for a few minutes to obtain a nice browned look and a little crispness. If the fish is scaled well and fried or broiled in butter or margarine, the crisp skin is very tasty.

## BAKED COMPANY FLOUNDER

6 medium sized flounders (one per person) or 12 fillets.

Scale or scrape, clean, cut heads, fins and tail off, rinse and pat dry. Sprinkle with salt. Dip in milk, then in flour and brown lightly on both sides in butter or margarine. Place in a shallow baking dish. Set aside.

½ lb. washed, chopped, fresh mushrooms, a few pinches of herbs: parsley, tarragon, chives, one clove of garlic minced or garlic powder, one medium onion minced, salt and pepper to taste, 2 or 3 tablespoons of melted butter. In a skillet saute all ingredients till onions are soft but not browned. Pour this mixture over fish. Again, set aside.

If you have saved the heads of the fish, boil them up, strain and use as a base for a thick white cream sauce to which 2 or 3 tablespoons of either grated Parmesan cheese or Swiss cheese is added. If you have on hand both cheeses, use equal amounts of each. Make enough sauce to cover fish (about 1 pint). On top of this add a few dabs of butter, sprinkle with grated Parmesan cheese and bake in oven 325° to 350° till bubbling and slightly brown. Garnish with chopped parsley. Fresh cooked asparagus or broccoli topped with thin slices of lemon goes well and also small peeled boiled potatoes sprinkled with paprika, makes for good eating and a very appetizing meal. ▲

## REPORTS

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### POINT LOOKOUT

Capt. Henry Thorschmidt, skipper of the "Blue Albatross II," reports the flounder fishing is excellent just about everywhere. "We have been getting our best catches at the State Channel, Squaw Island and West Island. Bloodworms are number one in the bait department. Mussels are a close second, and clams are getting a few also. The average size of these flounders is about a ½ pound, with many up to 1 lb. All we really need now is customers," said Capt. Thorschmidt.

### MASTIC

From Keenan's Fishing Station the flounder fishing was reported as "excellent" and "unbelievable." The action here, according to Dick, is off Buoy 19, Smith's Point. "All boats are doing well," he said.

### WANTAGH

"Prospects of a good season are ahead," was the report from the Causeway Bait & Tackle Station. Good flounder action was seen in the State Channel with the fish still in the deep holes. Over the week-

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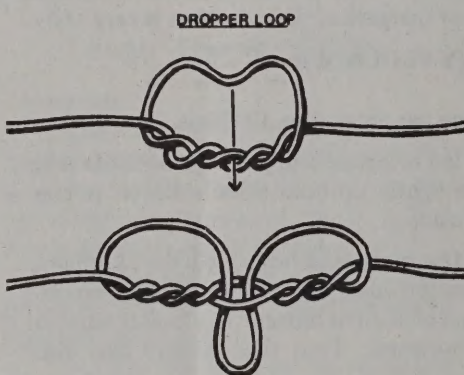
fish, with its pea-sized brain isn't bothered by the bare hook streaming aft of the worm. If it even sees the hook. (Yes, this baiting required a 16-inch leader and the three-way swivel was used.)

You should investigate Cedar Beach - or Lido Beach and Point Lookout to the west of Jones Inlet - before the arrival of the white terns. Or you may miss the first, or even the best, or even the only bass-action of a spring season. The swift noisy terns and with them the swifter golden-bellied swallows arrive about May 1-5. Often, prior to these winged migrants, stripers are in chasing maybe the flounders; maybe tiny shrimp; certainly the clams (so why don't they hit my cheap clam bait?) and even baitfishes after which the loons (I think they're loons) are already diving underwater, the last week of April.

Blame the early action at Cedar - sometimes early as April's first week - blame it on the richness of the Great South Bay pouring out of Fire Island Inlet. Fire Island forms a bit of the horizon off Cedar Beach. The main-horizon is off the Atlantic. Directly from the sea, through the diagonal and crossing channels anything can fin shoreward into the slough that usually runs along close by and parallel with this curvy shore of Cedar Beach . . . Last spring, though relatively poor for most striper casters, one rodman beached an 18-pound codfish on April 28; after a clam chowder surf the preceeding day which had a moon-tide, and a strong northwest wind. Right in the new-moon tide of April 25, W. Evans got an 8-pound bass on worm; and the next day someone beached an 11-pound striper on worm. During this April week of strong, March-like northwest winds, mostly schoolies were hitting hard from Point Lookout to Cedar; including at Field 9 where, in 1972 now, you will find a huge outfall pipe being laid down . . . Progress . . . But that week last year we were up in Rhode Island having fun with 5-pound pollack on tiny Kastmasters from a big jetty; and 3-pound flounders on clam. On May 1, Martha and I hit Cedar and I reeled in what I thought was a weirdly energetic flounder. It was instead my first striper of the year: all of 8 inches long! (Couldn't count it as the year's first.) Plenty of these little 'rat-lets' filled the surf last year, and the year before. Martha laughed at me and my bright,

cute 8-incher with the crazy big head. Out of my hand it sure did shoot away down the wash . . .

The first stripers of April are joined in May by hordes of tastier kingfish. Kings arrived last year May 5, with the equally DDT-laden terns. For the rest of May '71, mostly schoolies were caught; and it was the same in '70. Though some casters may individually have slid up larger fish, there hasn't been a real spring-time run of decent bass since 1967 when a few schools of tinker mackerel were still at Cedar, and only at Cedar west through Field 9 - after hordes of tinkers all along the western south shore in the fall of '66. On May 20 last spring my father and the rest of the line-up were amazed by the 9-pound skate which dad



This knot is used for forming a loop in a leader for tying on an extra hook. First, form a loop about three (3) inches in diameter at the point you wish to form the dropper. Twist the leader around itself several times. Separate the twisted strands and pull the opposite side of the loop through this opening. The result should look like the illustration which shows the knot before it is tight.

beached so early in the year. That March-like north windy day saw fair schoolies beached also: 6 pounds was 'big.'

In '67, '68, and '69, springtime bottom fishing was killed mid-May by the blowfish arrival. I mean, unless you want to stock up on blowfish tails, it's all over when these green-eyed puffers arrive. (Thankfully, the blues these past two years may have been chomping up the blowfish, decreasing their vast numbers). But you might finish Cedar bottom casting sooner than any blowfish arrival. You might drive up to Bayville for some teen-30 pound bass on plugs, before mid-May - and before Rockefeller's bridge at Bayville which should finish things there, and over the rest of Long Island too . . .

But the Bayville springtime aciton is another story. . .

Some real big sharks, decent bass, and blues on lures are for casters who are allowed to fish Cedar Beach (residents of Babylon Township) after Memorial Day. For you chosen Babylonians: it was off the Sore Thumb (where I got tired of playing hide-and-seek with the cops at night) and it was the big yellow Star Gibbs darter that often murdered blues sometimes over 10 pounds, after Memorial Day.

The rest of us can work Cedar Beach till that day. The first week of April is for casual investigations. In case you're fishing Cedar for the first time, this is the basic layout. There are 2 parking fields: Cedar Beach, the westward one; and Cedar Beach Overlook east of it. Only the Overlook is open before Memorial Day.

In Overlook, you see on your left the Sore Thumb; a high, irregular and big outjut into Fire Island Inlet. The shore from Sore Thumb back toward you, to a very minor promontory close by on your left, has the deepest water, But figure winter torpid-bass: they want warm water. Sure enough, generally the best fishing isn't here till mid-May (autumn of course, it can be great). The Overlook beach in front is good; and look down to your right along the beach. You see white water breaking over a shallow bar close to shore. Beside this, further westward, is a basin beyond the surf-line, a wide basin formed by outlying bars. This surf stretch is in front of Cedar Beach proper. The distant white water marks bars. But along the distant cresting water at several sites, smooth swells roll over channels and break only ashore. In April you cast toward the warmer white water areas. Try to place bait in the rips of the closer bars or on these bars themselves, or before the bars but not amid the channels . . . Further westward of the basin is a sharply indented big cove. Here too, the April-early May fishing can be hot. The high tidal stages near sunrise or sunset are best under the usual northerly winds of this early time. Come an easterly mild, and low tide, even mid-day can be great; and you can put bait amid channels at low tide warmed by the mid-day sun and by the southeast wind's sea water. Here you can use the fish-finder rig, but never use a fish-finder on incoming tide.

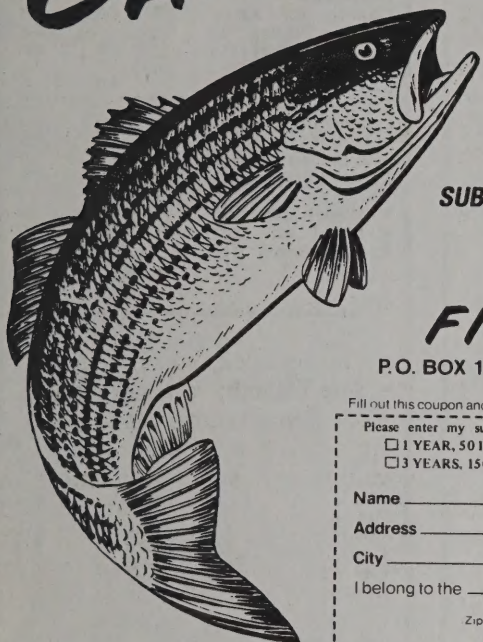
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including more of marine food from Fire Island Inlet. Also E and SE winds make darker days, generally. The NW wind for some reason helps catching fish here; possibly only because longer casts reach fish that are out further on those days, and the casting is helped by this wind from behind. A strong W wind from your right is all sand; sand in your eyes, in your reel, in the water - the N and NW after 2 days steady and strong make a sandy surf and that's pretty bad in the spring.

Like I've tried to say in previous articles, the size-up begins at home. You turn off the TV (they don't even advertise tackle on it - thank God) and you look outside. It is very interesting. And it is linked to our sport. You read the sky, and even the trees before reading the water. The early spring's cutting NW wind is tough, and lately it blows through April. Tough, too, is how April showers tend to start in May these past years. Late seasons, late in relation to the human

calendar. But by that calendar: around April 10, the weeping willows are like a mist of faintest green; the forsythia bush's famous yellow blossoms are starting to open; the birds are building nests amongst Long Island's remnant oak and cherry and black locust trees. So what? Well, basically this activity echoes air temperature for one thing; and change of water temperature isn't far behind that of the air. So, in three states I've heard surfmen mark the opening of the yellow forsythia - within a 30 mile band parallel to the seaboard - as a signal that usually stripers have reached particular shores and are shedding their cold-water torpor. If your place of residence has not yet inherited from Progress that grim Silent Spring which Rachel Carson warned of in the 1950's, then you might notice these blossom and bird-hints of remnant nature around you. Because of the late season /early season factor, these are surer signals than a neutral calendar date for first casts in the springtime at one of our most beautiful beaches. 

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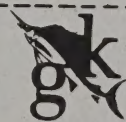
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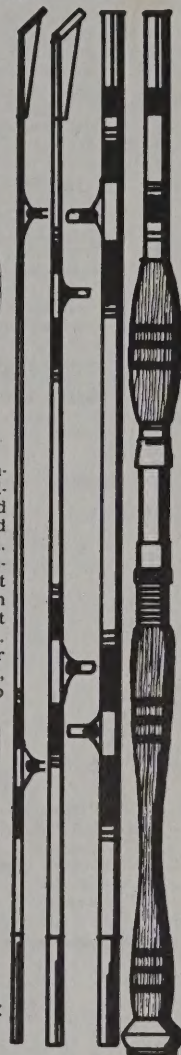
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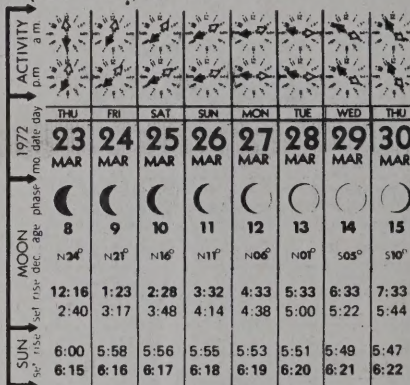
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